Consumption of CNG and LNG in Bihar

4279. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LNG and CNG outlets in Bihar;

(b) the names of the operators of such outlets;

(c) the present consumption of LNG and CNG in Bihar; and

(d) the plans and schemes for future in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) At present there are no LNG and CNG outlets in Bihar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) GAIL is planning a gas pipeline connecting the States of U.P. Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal to the existing HVJ pipeline to supply natural gas from domestic sources/RLNG from terminals in West Coast, whenever such gas becomes available. Based on availability, CNG outlets will be planned.

Petrol and diesel outlets in Bihar

4280. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petrol and diesel outlets of Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation in Bihar;

(b) the names of the owners/distributors/dealers in each case;

(c) the category to which they belong; and

(d) whether any malpractice of benami operation of such outlets has been noticed; if so, what action has been taken in those cases?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) As on 31st March, 2005, the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) *viz.*, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) had 828 retails outlets (petrol and diesel) outlets, in the State of Bihar. OMC-wise position was as under:—

OMC	Number of retail outlets
IOCL	398
BPCL	233
HPCL	197
TOTAL	828

The details of dealers of these retail outlets are available with the Director (Marketing) of the companies concerned.